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Congratulations to the Win-E-Mac art students who attended the Region 8 Art Festival in Fosston held on Wednesday, March 27th. Pictured: James Moritz, Klaudia Kutsev, Bergan Howard, Alyssa Morberg, Josie Johnson, Lauren Kaupang, Shelby Long, Jamie Stuhr, and Emma Strom. They did a fabulous job. Together they received 3 Excellent Certificates, 13 Superior Awards and 3 Spotlight on the Arts awards (best in category). Spotlight recipients are Emily Strom (drawing), Klaudia Kutsev (ceramics) and Lauren Kaupang (printmaking). These students can advance to the state art show.

MN Severe Weather Awareness Week 2024

The week of April 8 - 12, 2024 is designated Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe Weather Awareness Week is a public education campaign promoted by the National Weather Service, Minnesota Department of Public Safety and local Emergency Management Agencies. Each day of the week features a different weather hazard, and two statewide tornado drills will be conducted on Thursday, April 11th.

Weather Alerts and Warnings are Monday's topic. Several different types of watches and warnings may be issued for an area. Remember that watches mean that conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather or tornadoes, and warnings mean that severe weather or tornadoes are occurring, likely to occur, or are imminent. Advisories and special weather statements may come from the National Weather Service for storms that will impact an area but don't quite meet warning criteria. Thunderstorms are considered severe when they have one-inch hail or winds higher than 58mph.

Severe weather, including hail and lightning are covered on Tuesday. Hail develops during thunderstorms when a strong updraft is featured, especially in super cell thun-



derstorms. Hail causes nearly a billion dollars in damage annually and can range from pea size to over the size of softballs. Lightning kills around 100 people each year, more than tornadoes. If you are outdoors and encounter lightning, remember the saying, "When thunder roars, go indoors." Lightning can strike ten miles from a storm and can strike even when it isn't raining.

Wednesday's topic is flooding. Minnesota floods kill more

people than other weather events. Flooding deaths occur at night 75% of the time, and of those deaths' half died in vehicles. As little as six inches of rapidly flowing water can knock you off your feet. Never drive through flooded roadways, a foot of water will float most vehicles. Turn around, don't drown!

Minnesota's state-wide tornado drill will take place on Thursday. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather

Radios across the state will be sounded at 1:45PM and 6:45PM. The two drills are intended to allow workplaces and schools an opportunity to test their severe weather plans. The second drill is to allow second shift workers and families at home an opportunity to test their plans. In accordance with the Association of Minnesota Emergency Manager's best practice guidelines, outdoor warning sirens in Polk County are used for tornadoes and intense thunderstorms with expected winds in excess of 70mph. There is never an "all clear" activation for sirens. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota experiences an average of 29tornadoes per year. In 2021, Minnesota recorded 64 tornadoes, including 22 on December 15 alone, which were the latest reported tornadoes on record. A record was set in 2010 with 113 tornadoes touching down across the state.

So don't forget! The state-wide tornado drills are Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 1:45 P.M. and 6:45 P.M. Please take this opportunity to review emergency plans and procedures, and conduct emergency drills at work and at home.

Friday is dedicated to heat related emergencies. During the summer months, even here in Minnesota, temperatures can soar to near or over 100 degrees. Combined with high humidity, these temperatures can create dangerous conditions. To avoid heat related ailments, drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids, avoid strenuous activity during the hottest time of day, check on the elderly, wear light weight loose clothing, and never leave children or pets in vehicles. Even on warm days, vehicles act like a greenhouse and temperatures can rise to lethal levels in minutes.



Alec Haskett has been accepted into the Titan Machinery Diesel Sponsorship Program. As part of the sponsorship, Titan Machinery will provide Alec with professional, technical and financial support along his way. He will then work for Titan Machinery, in Winger, as part of the program. Pictured with Alec is Nathan Johnson, Win-E-Mac Shop/Industrial Tech teacher.

The basics of a solar eclipse

The natural world is wondrous to behold. In a given day, there is no shortage of events to capture human attention and imagination, and such occurrences are free of charge.

A solar eclipse is one phenomenon that never ceases to amaze. Millions of people will get a chance to experience this stunning phenomenon on April 8, 2024, when a total solar eclipse will be visible from Texas to Maine, according to the National Park Service. In anticipation of the eclipse, readers can learn about these unique events.

What is a solar eclipse?
According to NASA, a solar eclipse occurs when the sun, the moon and Earth line up, either fully or partially. During a solar eclipse, the moon passes between the sun and Earth, casting a shadow on the planet. That shadow either fully or partially blocks the sun's light in certain areas.

How frequently do solar eclipses occur?
NASA reports that solar eclipses happen only occasionally. That's because the moon does not orbit in the exact same path as the sun and Earth.

Are all solar eclipses the same?
All solar eclipses are not the same. When a solar eclipse occurs, it may be categorized as a total solar eclipse, an annular solar eclipse, a partial solar eclipse, or a hybrid solar eclipse.

Total solar eclipse: A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and Earth and the face of the sun is completely blocked. According to NASA, the sky darkens during a total solar eclipse, just as if it is dawn or dusk. The outer atmosphere of the sun, also known as its corona, is typically invisible because the sun is so bright. However, the corona is visible during an eclipse.

Annular solar eclipse: An annular solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and Earth when the moon is at or near its farthest point from the planet. That distance is why the moon does not completely cover the sun. NASA notes an annular solar eclipse makes the moon appear as a dark disk on top of larger, bright disk. This creates the awe-inspiring impression that there is a ring around the moon.

Partial solar eclipse: During a partial solar eclipse, the moon passes between the sun and Earth at a time when all three are not perfectly lined up. NASA notes that the visual effect of this is that only part of the sun appears to be covered, giving it a crescent shape.

Hybrid solar eclipse: As its name suggests, a hybrid solar eclipse features character-

istics of two different types of eclipses. NASA notes that the curved surface of Earth helps to create a hybrid solar eclipse, during which a shift between annular and total eclipse occurs.

A total solar eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024. NASA urges all individuals who intend to witness this awe-inspiring phenomenon for themselves to wear eclipse glasses or to utilize an alternative safe solar viewing method, such as a pinhole projector.

For North America's first lucky viewers, totality is expected to peak first on Mexico's Pacific Coast at around 11:07 a.m. PDT (1 p.m. CDT), making its way across the continental U.S. and exiting through the Atlantic coast of Newfoundland, Canada at 5:16 p.m. NDT (2:46 p.m. CDT).

More information about solar eclipses and how to view them safely can be found at science.nasa.gov.

Minnesota and the eclipse:
Even though Minnesota isn't on the path of totality, a partial solar eclipse is still a sight to be seen. Here's what you need to know to make the most of your astral viewing experience.

In Minnesota, scientists expect the partial eclipse to begin at 12:50 p.m. and peak around 2:02 p.m. Times vary slightly in different parts of the state, which is why Eclipse2024.org mapped out a simulator for viewers who want their city's hard in and out times.

You don't have to be an astronomy buff to appreciate a total, or partial, solar eclipse. As the process begins, some will remember the darkening sky and cooling temperatures. As darkness falls, viewers will be able to see the sun's corona — or its outer atmosphere — which is usually covered by the blinding face of the sun.

Besides the fact that you'll witness a truly amazing natural phenomenon, an event like a total solar eclipse also has the capacity to bring people together from all over the world, creating somewhat of a cultural phenomenon.

Because full solar eclipses often occur in uninhabited places like the South Pacific or Antarctic, experts said the next total eclipse over North America won't happen again until 2033 — over Alaska. That means it won't be until 2044 that totality will once again swallow the light on a path through the continental United States of Montana and North Dakota, as well as Western Canada.

NASA said the next full eclipse — spanning the entire country from northern California to Cape Canaveral, Florida — won't occur until 2045.



Saturday, March 23rd was an unforgettable evening filled with good vibes, great company, The Football Fieldhouse Fun Night was an event to support the exciting development of the Win-E-Mac schools future fieldhouse. Many community members gathered to support in the effort to raise funds for this new facility at the Win-E-Mac school football and baseball field complex. Here, Josh Roed, was the winner of the Yeti and Neil's Meats and More gift certificate.

The MN Dept. of Revenue has tips for those who still need to file their taxes

More than 1.4 million Minnesota taxpayers have already filed their taxes and over 970,000 refunds have already been sent out. With over a million taxpayers expected to file between now and the April 15 filing deadline, the Minnesota Department of Revenue has some tips to make it easier for those who still need to file.

Ready to file?
E-file and choose direct deposit. Electronically filing your return and choosing direct deposit for your refund is the most secure and convenient way to file your taxes and get your refund. If your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is \$79,000 or less, you may qualify to file electronically for free. Use the links on our website to see if you qualify for free state and federal income tax filing.

Claim the new Child Tax Credit if you're eligible. Beginning with tax year 2023, you may qualify for a Child Tax Credit of \$1,750 per qualifying child, with no limit on the number of children claimed. This is a refundable credit, meaning you can receive a refund even if you do not owe tax. You must file a 2023 individual income tax return in order to claim the credit. Learn more about income requirements and qualifications on the Child Tax Credit webpage.

Check your return for accuracy. Enter your name, and the names of any dependents, exactly as they appear on Social Security cards, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) cards or letters. Double-check bank routing and account numbers used on tax forms for direct deposit. Incorrect information on tax forms can result in refund delays.

File your return by the April 15 due date, even if you owe more than you can pay. Pay as much as you can by

the due date and contact us as soon as possible to set up a payment agreement for the remaining balance. You can include your banking information on your electronically filed return to make the payment or pay electronically with our e-Services Payment System. You can specify when the payment will be taken from your checking or savings account in advance or on the due date.

Need tax filing assistance?
Free tax preparation services are available for those who qualify. Free tax preparation sites are available across Minnesota through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax-Aide programs. Act quickly as many sites book up as the filing deadline approaches. You can visit our website to find free tax preparation sites near you.

Choose a tax preparer carefully. If you're using a professional tax preparer to do your taxes, take the time to ask about their training, their history preparing taxes, and their affiliations with various tax professional organizations. Learn more about choosing a preparer on our website.

Need more time to file?
You automatically have until October 15 to file before we charge a late filing penalty. You do not have to submit a separate form requesting extra time to file your Minnesota individual income tax return. This is for filing only. To avoid other penalties and interest, you must pay any tax owed by the April 15 due date and file your return by October 16.

Note: You can request a filing extension for your federal income taxes on the Internal Revenue Service website.

What should you do after filing?
Track Your Refund. We

process most returns within 21 days of the return being accepted. However, some returns may take longer to review. You can track your refund and find out whether you need to take any action to allow us to complete processing your refund by using our Where's My Refund?

Beware of scammers. Tax time is a busy time for scammers and criminals. They'll use phone calls, text messages, and emails often purporting to be the IRS or Department of Revenue asking for personal and financial information. Use caution and never provide personal information unless you are absolutely sure the situation is legitimate. Contact us if you are concerned about potentially fraudulent contact.

If you move after filing your return, contact us right away. That way anything sent to you will reach you, such as refund checks or requests for more information. You must do this even when requesting a direct deposit. Call us at 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 (toll-free) to change your address.

Get the latest news and updates from the Minnesota Department of Revenue by following the department on Facebook, Instagram, and on X (formerly Twitter) or by signing up for our email subscription list.

County Highway Project BIDS CLOSE: May 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM CDT Polk County, Minnesota

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS-
NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED ELECTRONIC BIDS will be received at until 10:00 AM on Friday, May 3, 2024, by Sam Melbye, Polk County Director of Property Records at Crookston, MN, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County for the construction of the County Project listed below. Sealed electronic bids will be OPENED and READ publicly at 10:00 AM, at the Polk County Highway Department in Crookston, MN. Bids received after 10:00 AM will not be considered. Bids must be submitted electronically through BidVAULT.

COUNTY PROJECT NO. CP 118-202-1220 & CP 118-203-1221
LOCATION: On CR 202 from CSAH 35 (7 Miles North of Fosston, MN) to 2.0 Miles North
On CR 203 from CSAH 30 (3 Miles East of McIntosh, MN) to 2.0 Miles North

TYPE OF WORK: GRADING AND AGGREGATE SURFACING		
Major Items:		
EXCAVATION - COMMON	61,809	CY
COMMON EMBANKMENT	44,055	CY
AGGREGATE SURFACING	11,200	TON
CS PIPE CULVERTS	1,266	LF
RC PIPE CULVERTS	644	LF
TRAFFIC CONTROL		
SEEDING		

To obtain plans and proposal and to submit an electronic bid (including electronic bid form) go to the Polk County egram website: <https://egram.co.polk.mn.us>

All bidders will be required to submit an electronic bid and provide payment of \$100.00 to the Polk County Highway Department.

Proposals, plans, and specifications are also available at: Polk County Highway Department, 820 Old Highway 75 S, Crookston, MN, 56716.

Cost - \$100.00 (non-refundable incl. tax)

Electronic bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond in favor of the Treasurer of Polk County for at least 5% of the total amount bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or technicalities therein.

Richard C. Sanders
Polk County
County Engineer

M3-5C



What to know about applying for an extension on your tax return

The Internal Revenue Service reports that the deadline to file a 2023 tax return is Monday, April 15, 2024. The vast majority of taxpayers will have no issue filing by the deadline, but some may not be able to file on time. In such instances, taxpayers can apply for an extension of time to file.

An extension is not necessarily as straightforward as the term suggests. In fact, the IRS urges taxpayers to be aware that applying for an extension does not grant taxpayers an extension of time to pay their taxes. Failure to pay by the April 15 deadline could incur penalties, even for people who have applied for an extension. The IRS urges taxpayers to estimate any owed taxes by the deadline and submit payments for those estimates by April 15.

Extension requests must be submitted by the regular return due date.

Some taxpayers may not have to submit an extension return. The IRS notes that taxpayers in certain disaster

areas do not need to submit an extension electronically or on paper. For example, the IRS had already determined by February 2024 that Maine taxpayers impacted by severe storms and flooding qualified for tax relief. Various deadlines, including the April 15 filing deadline for individuals and businesses, were extended to June 17, 2024. Maine taxpayers are urged to contact a tax preparation professional to determine if they are eligible for the later deadline. A list of additional extensions affecting the 2024 filing deadline can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-relief-in-disaster-situations>.

Individual taxpayers, regardless of income, can use the IRS Free File (<https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>) to request an automatic tax-filing extension. Filing that form gives taxpayers until October 15 to file a return. If October 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the due date is extended until the next business day. It's important that taxpayers filing for the October 15 extension deadline recognize that they must still estimate their tax liability on the Free File form and pay any estimated taxes owed.

The deadline to file a 2023 tax return is Monday, April 15, 2024. Individuals who need more information about applying for an extension are urged to visit irs.gov.

Salem Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

Salem cemetery Association Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14th at 7:00 pm at the McIntosh Community Center. Open to family members or those who want to be buried there. No charge but request donations. Donations may be sent to PO Box 136, McIntosh, MN 56556.



Wed. April 3:
Bria Weber

Thurs. April 4:
Destiny Hedlund,
Ella Finseth

Fri. April 5: Levi Halstad, Earl Roed, Joan Lee

Sat. April 6: Kassi Schow, Judi Linds-eth, Caillie Boucher

Sun, April 7: Allen Carver

Mon. April 8:
Charles Lindseth,
Brenner Sylstad,
Ethan Shimpa,
Amanda Farrell,
*Jordyn & Daros Zahn

Tues. April 9:
Dylan Roy, *Kain & Hunter Schow



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen,
Pastor

Wed. April 3: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. April 5: 11:30am Adoration and Benediction; 12:00pm (noon) Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. April 7: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley; 3:00pm Divine merch Sunday, St. Mary's, Fosston

Wed. April 10: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. April 12: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. April 14: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley; 3:00pm Divine merch Sunday, St. Mary's, Fosston

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Pastor Rene Mehlberg
Synodical Authorized Minister Katie DeMarais

Sun. April 7: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. April 14: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services Lutheran Church, McIntosh will run church services on Channel 30 on Garden Valley Channel 30. They will also be available on YouTube on channel One in Spirit - The Journey. Our Saviors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sunday until further notice.

MCINTOSH AFLC
McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Interim Pastor:
Nathan Dalager

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 11:00am; Sunday School: 9:45am

Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am; Sunday School: 10:45am

Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church

Sun, April 7: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, April 9: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, April 10: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Highways 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206. For information call 268-4242 or 687-3461.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
Pastor Lee Laaveg

Sun. April 7: 9:00am Worship

Sun. April 14: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sundays: 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winger

Sundays: 10:30am Coffee Fellowship; 11:00am Worship

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH- NALC
Erskine
Rev. Pam Thorson

Sundays: 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

Come early and enjoy fellowship and a good cup of coffee. It will also be available at the same time on Garden Valley Channel 30, Facebook and YouTube.

Please contact the McIntosh Times at mcintoshtimes@gmail.com, if you move or have a change in your address so we can keep the paper coming to your home on time.

Did you know?

Drivers undoubtedly have noticed their vehicles need less frequent oil changes than cars once required.

The longtime standard oil change interval of once every 3,000 miles no longer applies, and that's thanks to the pivot away from conventional oil to synthetic oil. The molecular structure of synthetic oil and its ability to perform better at extreme temperature means drivers can now drive significantly longer distances between oil changes.

In fact, Car and Driver notes that synthetic motor oils provide better startup performance and flow at temperatures down to minus-40 Fahrenheit and then endure extremely high temperatures

without oxidizing, thickening or turning black.

The reason synthetic oils need less frequent changes is that they can maintain their superior properties two to three times longer than conventional oils.

Though each vehicle manufacturer is different and drivers are urged to consult their owner's manuals regarding synthetic oil change interval recommendations, it's not uncommon for modern vehicles to range between 5,000 and 7,000 miles before they need an oil change.

Some synthetic oil manufacturers even note their products can last more than 10,000 miles

Social Security eliminates overpayment burden for Social Security beneficiaries

The Social Security Administration announced it will decrease the default overpayment withholding rate for Social Security beneficiaries to ten percent (or \$10, whichever is greater) from 100 percent, significantly reducing financial hardship on people with overpayments.

"Social Security is taking a critically important step towards our goal of ensuring our overpayment policies are fair, equitable, and do not unduly harm anyone," said Martin O'Malley, Commissioner of Social Security. "It's unconscionable that someone would find themselves facing homelessness or unable to pay bills, because Social Security withheld their entire payment for recovery of an overpayment."

The agency works to pay the right people the right amounts at the right time, and Social Security issues correct payments in most cases. However, there is room to improve, as people come to the agency to prevent overpayments from happening and make it easier to navigate the recovery and waiver processes when they occur.

When a person has been overpaid, the law requires the agency to seek repayment, which can create financial difficulties for beneficiaries. As of March 25, 2024, the agency will collect ten percent (or \$10, whichever is greater) of the total monthly Social Security benefit to recover an overpayment, rather than collecting 100 percent as was previous procedure. There will be limited exceptions to this change, such as when an overpayment resulted from fraud.

There will be a short transition period where people will continue to experience the older policy. People placed in 100 percent withholding during this transition period should call Social Security's National 800 Number at 1-800-772-1213 to lower their withholding rate.

The change applies to new overpayments. If beneficiaries already have an overpayment with a withholding rate greater than ten percent and would like a lower recovery rate, they too should call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or their local Social Security office to speak with a representative. If a beneficiary requests a rate lower

than ten percent, a representative will approve the request if it allows recovery of the overpayment within 60 months – a recent increase to improve how the agency serves its customers from the previous policy of only 36 months. If the beneficiary's proposed rate would extend recovery of the overpayment beyond 60 months, the Social Security representative will gather income, resource, and expense information from the beneficiary to make a determination.

Social Security launched a comprehensive review in October 2023 of agency overpayment policies and procedures to address payment accuracy systematically (See Learn about Overpayments and Our Process | SSA and Press Release | Press Office | SSA). This procedure change is a direct result of the ongoing review. This change and the adjustment to 60-month repayment are part of four recently announced key updates to address improper payments (See Press Release | Press Office | SSA for more information). The agency also is working to reduce wage-related improv-

er payments by establishing information exchanges with payroll data providers that will significantly reduce the number of improper payments, once implemented (See Press Release | Press Office | SSA for more information). The agency will continue examining programmatic policy and making regulatory and sub-regulatory changes to improve the overpayment process.

Additionally, people have the right to appeal the overpayment decision or the amount. They can ask Social Security to waive collection of the overpayment, if they believe it was not their fault and can't afford to pay it back. The agency does not pursue recoveries while an initial appeal or waiver is pending. Even if people do not want to appeal or request a waiver, they should contact the agency if the planned withholding would cause hardship. Social Security has flexible repayment options, including repayment of as low as \$10 per month. Each person's situation is unique, and the agency handles overpayments on a case-by-case basis.

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NOTICE OF EXPIRATION

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 2010 OFFICE OF THE POLK COUNTY TAXPAYER SERVICES

State of Minnesota)
County of Polk) ss

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property hereinafter described, situated in the County of Polk, State of Minnesota, were bid in for the state on the 11th day of May 2015 at the tax judgment sale of land for delinquent taxes for the year 2010.

Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Melanie A Guggemos 18375 260 th St SW Crookston MN 56716-9410	29.00144.00 The part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township One Hundred Fifty (150) North, Range Forty-five (45) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe monument at the Northwest corner of said East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2NW1/4NE1/4); thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 35 seconds East assumed bearing, parallel with the North line of the said East half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2NW1/4NE1/4) and along the South right of way line of County Highway No. 11 a distance of 166.23 feet to an iron pipe monument; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 41 seconds West One Hundred Sixty-two feet (162'), more or less, to the centerline of the Gently River; thence Southwesterly along said centerline 248 feet, more or less to the West line of the said East half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4); thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 25 seconds East along said West line Three Hundred Thirty feet (330'), more or less to the point of beginning, containing 0.99 acres, more or less----- ALSO That part of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2NW1/4NE1/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township One Hundred Fifty (150) North, Range Forty-five (45) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe monument at the Northeast corner of the said West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2NW1/4NE1/4) a distance of Three Hundred Thirty feet (330'), more or less, to the centerline of the Gently River; thence Southwesterly along said centerline Fifty-six feet (56'), more or less to a line bearing South 00 degrees 01 minutes 56 seconds East; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 56 seconds West along said line Three Hundred Sixty-six feet (366'), more or less, to an iron pipe monument; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 35 seconds East parallel with the North line of the said West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2NW1/4NE1/4) and along the South right of way line of County Highway No. 11 a distance of 44.42 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.35 acres, more or less.	\$2,311.45

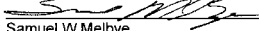
That the time for redemption of the parcel of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of notice and the filing of proof thereof in the Taxpayer Service Center, as provided by law. The redemption must be made in the Taxpayer Service Center.

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LANDS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The amount listed above must be paid to redeem if paid on or before April 30th, 2024. Please contact the Polk County Taxpayer Service Center office to verify the amount if paid after April 30th 2024.

Inquiries as to the proceedings set forth above can be made to the Director of Property Records for the County of Polk, whose address is set forth below.

Witness my hand an official seal this 26th Day of March 2024.


Samuel W Melbye
Polk County Auditor
Polk County Taxpayer Service Center
612 North Broadway, Suite 207
Crookston, MN 56716
(218) 281-2554

OFFICIAL SEAL

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 2013 OFFICE OF THE POLK COUNTY TAXPAYER SERVICES

State of Minnesota)
County of Polk) ss

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property hereinafter described, situated in the County of Polk, State of Minnesota, were bid in for the state on the 12th day of May 2014 at the tax judgment sale of land for delinquent taxes for the year 2013.

Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Gordon A Gudvangen 37622 105 th Ave SW Fertile MN 56540	30.00131.01 The West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2NW1/4SE1/4), and the West Half of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2NW1/2NE1/4), Section Twenty-one (21), Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148), North, Range Forty-four (44), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.	\$663.29

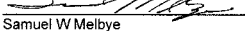
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Larry & Lori Voeltz 26955 260 th Ave SE Brooks MN 56715	41.00174.01 That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4SE1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township One Hundred Fifty-one (151), North of Range Thirty-nine (39) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Starting at the Northeast Corner of the SE1/4 of Sec. 32, Twp. 151, N. of R. 39, W., proceeding South along said section line a distance of 285 feet, thence West a distance of 368 feet, thence North a distance 285 feet, thence East a distance of 368 feet to the point of beginning.	\$559.44

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Makar A & Fotina K Egoroff 23521 420 th St SE Winger MN 56592	45.00498.00 Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Northern Lights Addition	\$491.91

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Makar A & Fotina K Egoroff 23521 420 th St SE Winger MN 56592	45.00499.00 Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Northern Lights Addition	\$506.14

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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Christopher M Roragen 43615 310 th Ave SE Fosston MN 56542	65.00138.02 That part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147), Range Forty-one (41) described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of said Section Twenty-four (24) thence Southerly and along the East line of said Section Twenty-four (24) Three Hundred Thirty (330') to a point, that being the point of beginning; thence Westerly and parallel with the South line of said Section Twenty-four (24) a distance of Six Hundred Twelve feet (612'); thence Southerly and parallel with the East line said Section Twenty-four (24) Three Hundred Seventy-eight feet (378'); thence Easterly and parallel with the South line of said Section Twenty-four (24) Six Hundred and Twelve feet (612'), more or less, to the intersection with the East line of said Section Twenty-four (24); thence Northerly and along the East line of said Section Twenty-four (24) to the point of beginning and there terminating.	\$1,514.50

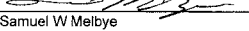
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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Tony & Marsha Donnell PO Box 113 Beltrami MN 56517	80.00056.00 Lots One (1) & Two (2), Block Nine (9) First Addition to the City of Beltrami	\$346.53

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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Anthony J & Marsha L Donnell PO Box 113 Beltrami MN 56517	80.00058.00 Lots 6 & 7, Block 9, First Addition to Beltrami City.	\$158.81

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You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property hereinafter described, situated in the County of Polk, State of Minnesota, were bid in for the state on the 14th day of May 2007 at the tax judgment sale of land for delinquent taxes for the year 2006.

Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Anthony J & Marsha L Donnell PO Box 113 514 Desoto Ave Beltrami MN 56517	80.00059.00 Lots Eight (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10) Block Nine (9), First Addition to Beltrami.	\$1,531.42

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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Jeff M & Tracy L Solheim 110 Main St S Po Box 23 Climax MN 56523	81.00027.00 Commencing at a point 376 feet south from the quarter corner of Sections Twenty-nine (29) and Thirty (30), Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148), North of Range Forty-eight (48), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence due South seventy-five (75) feet; thence due East one hundred seventy-three (173) feet; thence due North seventy-five (75) feet; thence due West one hundred seventy-three (173) feet to the place of beginning, being part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4SW1/4) of said Section Twenty-nine (29) in the aforesaid township and range.	\$3,873.36

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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Jeffrey Swiontek PO Box 66 Climax MN 56523	81.00123.00 The South Fifth-Two Feet (52') of Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) of Block One (1), Bennett & Wisner's Addition to the Village of Climax.	\$1,062.21

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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Gilbert C & Gloria Cordova 423 Summit Ave Crookston MN 56716	82.01570.00 Lots Thirty-one (31), Thirty-two (32) and the Westerly Twelve and one-half (12 ½) feet of Lot Thirty-three (33), Block "B", McDonald's Addition to Crookston.	\$1,995.80

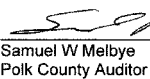
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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Marcel & Sheila Champagne 221 Hubbard St S Crookston MN 56716	82.01951.00 Lots Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24), Block Thirty-two (32), Jerome's Addition to Crookston.	\$2,199.18

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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Grace S Troemner 513 3rd Ave NE East Grand Forks MN 56721	83.00337.00 Lots Nine (9) and Eleven (11), Block Eighteen (18), Trail's Addition to the City of East Grand Forks, Minnesota.	\$1,042.90

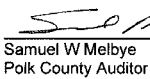
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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Saigrace Realty Group LLC 3200 Payne Ave Apt 407 San Jose CA 95117	84.00093.00 Lot 22, Block 2, Original Townsite Erskine City.	\$1,796.82

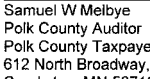
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Cynthia Ann Haugen 212 Ross Ave Erskine MN 56535	84.00198.00 The Northeasterly Forty (40) feet of Lot Three (3), Block Two (2), Lang's Addition to Erskine.	\$1,044.73

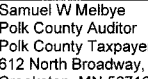
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NOTICE OF
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OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 2015
OFFICE OF THE POLK COUNTY TAXPAYER SERVICES

State of Minnesota)) ss
County of Polk)

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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Todd Brault & Shannon Malo 235 Lincoln Ave Apt 2 Crookston MN 56716	91.00001.00 Lot A of Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Forty-nine (149) North of Range Forty-three (43) West also described as: That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4SW1/4), Section Twenty-two (22) Township One hundred Forty-nine (149) North of Range Forty-three (43) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the section line between Sections Twenty-two (22) and Twenty-one (21) of the aforesaid Township and Range where the said section line is intersected by the Southwesterly boundary line of U.S. Highway No. 2 as the same is now located and constructed across said Section Twenty-two (22); thence Southerly along said section line a distance of 810 feet to a point; thence Easterly at an angle of 91 degrees, 33.5 minutes a distance of 1,084.6 feet to the Southwesterly boundary line of said U.S. Highway No. 2; thence Northwesterly along the Southwesterly boundary line of said U.S. Highway No. 2 a distance of 1,370.9 feet to the point beginning, containing ten (10) acres, more or less, according to the survey thereof. EXCEPT: the tract set forth in that certain Final Certificate establishing a trunk highway dated March 19, 1976 and recorded April 13, 1976 at 9:00 a.m. as Document No. 416018, containing 8.50 acres more or less.	\$1,317.97

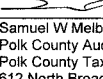
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Names/Addresses	Tax Parcel Number & Legal Description	Amount Necessary to Redeem
Alan J Saga PO Box 132 Mentor MN 56736	91.00118.00 Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Two (2), Townsite of Mentor.	\$2,295.37

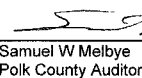
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Summer-like driving behavior behind spike in traffic fatalities

If you're not a fan of Minnesota winters, the higher temps and lack of snow this winter is appealing. You might even think that the lack of snow has made our roads safer.

Unfortunately, the effect on traffic safety is not always what people think. We're seeing an alarming spike in traffic fatalities so far this year. The nicer weather and drier roads have led to some dangerous driving behaviors, according to our Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

"Because we've had such a lightweight winter, so to speak, we're seeing those summertime driving patterns continue," OTS Director Mike Hanson said. "And that means higher speed. And that means more energy in a collision. And that's resulting in more deaths on our roads."

Traffic fatalities are significantly higher than last year at this time. As of March 8,

preliminary numbers show 57 traffic fatalities this year compared to 35 at this time last year.

Each of those deaths represent families who will never see their loved ones again, like the parents of an 8-year-old boy who was killed after the vehicle he was in was t-boned in Sherburne County earlier this winter.

In the warmer months, we typically see a higher number of traffic deaths due to factors such as clear roads, sunny skies and people feeling more inclined to speed. In the colder months, we typically see more traffic crashes, but they're not as severe because road conditions are less ideal, and people are slowing down.

There are four main factors that increase the risk for fatalities: speed, impaired driving, distracted driving and driving without a seat belt.

Talking happy and healthy retirement with U of M

Though retirement brings freedom and excitement, it can also bring loneliness and stress from changes to long-standing routines and schedules.

Kate Schaefers, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Minnesota, answers questions about easing the transition to retirement and embracing this next stage of life.

Q: How do you know it's the right time to retire?

Schaefers: Retirement is more nuanced than a one-time event — it's a process, with pivots and course corrections. The right time to retire is driven by the whole picture of what is most important, what works, and how to fund it.

Increasingly common is the concept of “unretirement,” when people work after retirement by choice and for added income — only 39% of workers aged 50–64 believe they will have enough money to live comfortably in retirement, according to a 2023 Gallup survey. Many shed career jobs in favor of alternative ways of working: part-time work, consulting, project-based and gig work are options that fit with a new, sustainable life chapter.

Q: What are some unexpected challenges people might face?

Schaefers: We underestimate the importance of friendships, teamwork and sense of belonging that comes from our work. Despite best intentions to stay in touch, co-workers move on without us — a sobering reality. Too often, retirees struggle to find new friends and social networks. Strong relationships are more important than anything else when it comes to happiness, health and longevity, according to longitudinal data from Harvard University. That's why ready-made communities like OLLI at the University of Minnesota are so valuable for retirees.

Another challenge is the shift from saving to spending. When it comes time to spend down retirement accounts, it can be difficult and even painful

to face the realistic fear of outliving our resources. A solid budget and a mental shift are needed. Part-time income might also ease some of those fears and open the door to spending on things that enrich retirement, like trips and experiences.

Q: What strategies can help people better plan for retirement?

Schaefers: Dwight D. Eisenhower famously said, “Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.” Have plans for the important things — finances, health, relationships and lifestyle. However, life is uncertain, so flexibility is key. As you transition into retirement, carve out a defined period (e.g., the summer after you retire) to decompress. Put something exciting such as a trip or fun project on your calendar to ease the transition. As you adjust, start building your new daily schedule, including activities that align with your life priorities. Will an exercise class keep you on track with staying active? Will watching grandchildren give you quality time with loved ones? Will taking an OLLI class spark your curiosity? Give yourself permission to experiment and adjust.

Q: How can people cre-

ate structure and routine in this phase of life?

Schaefers: We yearn for a life on our terms, without alarm clocks and schedules to confine us. Yet people may feel rudderless without work routines. In our productivity-oriented society, busyness is a virtue and idleness-aversion is a thing. It's easy to fall into the trap of keeping busy but not feeding our souls.

Stephen Covey's success habit of putting first things first offers a powerful guide for retirement. Start with what matters most to you — the rocks — and build those into your routines first. Everything else — the pebbles, the sand, the water — are fillers, and it's okay if those fall through the cracks. It will take focus and practice (and maybe some idle time to think!), but in the end it's a good strategy for turning your values into action.

Q: What resources does the U of M offer to help retirees stay engaged?

Schaefers: Lifelong learning is key to an active retirement, and nothing beats the enrichment that comes from a community of learners. OLLI at the U of M offers hundreds of courses to spark your curiosity, book clubs and special interest groups to connect you

with peers, and opportunities to volunteer your talents to the community.

OLLI is available for an annual \$300 membership, but we are offering free online lectures this spring so you can sample engaging U of M research topics, including Treating Cancer as an Invasive Species; Awesome Apples: Honeycrisps to Kudos; and Diabetes, Obesity and the Next-Generation Drugs Shaping our Future, and more. Spring lectures are on Thursday afternoons from March 28 - May 2. You can sign up for one or more lectures at ccaps.umn.edu/olli/olli-u-lecture-series.

Kate Schaefers is the director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota, which is part of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies. She also is a psychologist, coach and educator. She coaches professionals who are transitioning into new roles, jobs and careers, and organizations that are exploring ways to tap the talent of a multigenerational workplace. A past president of AARP-MN, Schaefers currently serves on the AARP-MN Executive Council. Learn more about OLLI at ccaps.umn.edu/olli.

How to build a better burger

Backyard barbecue season is starting to heat up. Although many people grill all year long, grilling season kicks into high gear in spring and summer.

Burgers will always be quintessential grilling fare. It should come as no surprise that the month of May is National Hamburger Month. That's likely due to Memorial Day weekend - which many view as the unofficial start of summer - being one of the first times of the year people begin grilling burgers. Despite burgers' popularity, it's easy to make mistakes when preparing them. These tips can help anyone build a better burger.

Use freshly ground meat

Buying ready-made ground meat (of any variety) is taking a gamble because you don't know when it was ground, how many animals it came from or how it was handled. By freshly grinding the meat at home you will have greater control over the cut of meat and the fat content. Personally ground meat will be fresher, especially when you get nice cuts of meat directly from your local butcher. Top chefs suggest dicing cold meat into chunks and

freezing for about 10 minutes prior to grinding for the best results.

Fat is key

For the most juicy, flavorful burger, you'll want a ratio of 80 percent meat to 20 percent fat. Some people like to eat lean, but with a burger, the fat will be necessary and it's better to select leaner meats for other dishes.

Don't overwork the meat

Handling the burger patties too much can lead to dense, tough burgers. Gently shape the burgers into round, 1-inch thick, flat discs. To prevent the burgers from rounding in the middle during cooking, press a dimple with your thumb in the center of the patty to help it cook evenly. It's a smart idea to weigh each patty to ensure uniformity of size and even cooking.

Don't add salt early on

Salt added to the ground meat before it's shaped can draw the liquid out of the meat, leaving a dry burger behind. Sprinkle salt sparingly while it is cooking for flavoring.

Avoid overcooking

Most health authorities recommend not leaving any

pink meat in a burger made from ground meat. According to BBC Good Food, burgers can be cooked for 5 to 6 minutes on each side for medium and 8 to 9 minutes per side for well done. For the best results, use a food thermometer to check internal temperature. The USDA says ground meat, whether it's pork, veal, beef, or lamb, should be cooked to 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

Flip as desired

The cooking resource Serious Eats debunked the myth that burgers should only be flipped once. Flipping the burger repeatedly, as often as once every 15 seconds, encourages faster, more even internal cooking and can dramatically reduce cooking time.

Keep the patties separate

Let everyone build their own burgers, as keeping the cooked meat away from the burger buns for as long as possible will reduce the chances of the juices making the buns soggy. Soft, squishy buns tend to make for good burger eating, as they will not overwhelm the meat with too much crusty bread.

The County Line

By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner, Dist. 2

Some of the numbers presented at last month's Polk County Social Service Board meeting triggered a memory.

What brought things back to mind — along with the fact my old next-door neighbor, Beth Greenwood was a big part of the flashback — follows:

It was more than 25 years ago when the Polk County Board decided that something had to change. The cost of “out of home placements” had gone through the roof and the prediction was that it would keep right on going.

Some background: Troubled and or abused juveniles are placed in out of home placement facilities when their behavior gets them into serious trouble or when their homes are determined to be unsafe and/or lacking appropriate parenting.

The cost for out of placements had grown to \$2.4 million in 1997. And some were suggesting that a \$3 million figure was looming. The costs had been on the rise from \$1.2 million in 1993, to \$1.3 million in 1994, and to \$1.6 million in 1996.

With most of the cost of out of home placements coming directly from Polk County tax dollars, it was a major budget concern. The direction from commissioners to Social Services administration and lead supervisors was that something had to be done to get these costs under control.

Brainstorm sessions

Before he left the agency in 1997, then Social Services Director Bill Kurpius-Brock involved people from the other agencies that also have a role in dealing with and determining out of home placements in addressing the issue. That group included the County Attorney's Office, Court Administration, Tri-County Community Corrections, Public Health, Sheriff's Office, Northwestern Mental Health (now Alluma), public defenders, County Coordinator, and school administrators.

From those sessions came recommendations to provide assessments, referrals, screenings, interventions, and other practices... along with the hiring of people needed to perform them. After receiving initial support from the County Board, that support was soon reconsidered and dropped because of cost.

Then in February 2000 with Kent Johnson as the social services director and his administrative assistant Bill Green making the pitch, another plan was presented. This one asked for the authority to hire five “family-based service providers” (FBSPs) who would work directly with the problem kids and with their parents regarding home situations.

These providers wouldn't have to be educated and experienced social workers... just good people who had a strong interest in helping kids grow into productive citizens.

That's where old neighbor Beth Greenwood comes into the picture. She was one of the five original FBSPs and proved to be one of the best. After recently retiring, she has now come back on a limited basis to help train new FBSPs.

Uphill battle

When going before the County Board with a proposal to hire five more county employees without any guarantee that there would be a return on that investment, approval chances aren't very good. Commissioners are by nature tightwads. Their constituents — county taxpayers — demand it and commissioners who have any hope of being re-elected have that message engrained in the minds.

In his presentation, Green, who was one of those people who could sell stink to a skunk, rolled out the new program. He not only claimed that it would work, he guaranteed that it would. He even offered his job if it didn't. Green made the point that in addition to cost reductions the program would also go a long way toward get-

ting kids (and their parents) on a better path.

It was a leap of faith when the County Board voted 5-0 to allow the hiring of five FBSPs. Approval came with one condition... that there would be a review of results after six months and that without any sign of improvement the whole plan would be trashed.

Passed the test

With the five FBSPs quickly selected, trained, and on the job, out of home placement costs for 2000 already were decreased to \$1.6 million. And that was accomplished with the plan in place for only about the last six months of that year.

By 2001, after a full year of the program, the cost was down to \$1.06 million... and it stayed at or just over the \$1 million mark until inflation started affecting everything a few years ago.

The 2023 out of home placement expense total was \$1.37 million... higher but that's still a \$1 million less than the \$2.4 total in 1997.

The annual cost has actually been below \$1 million twice (\$961,739 in 2007 and \$989,841 in 2010)... never more than the \$1,573,559 in 2020.

Among the conclusions that can be drawn from the accounting above is that county government works best when there is a team approach in which staff can suggest ways to do things better and those in the governing body have the courage to believe in them... to take that leap of faith.

Thoughts for the day:

- Looking 50 is great if you're 60. — Joan Rivers
- I've learned that money doesn't buy class. — Andy Rooney

Disclaimer: Thoughts expressed in this column are those of the author and are not necessarily a reflection of the opinions of the other members of the Polk County Board.

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Read R Silvesan 101 Us Hwy 75 S Nielsville MN 56568	92.00052.00 That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4NW1/4), Section Twenty-nine (29), Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147), North of Range Forty-eight (48), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, containing one acre, described as follows: Commencing at a point 381/2 rods South of the Northwest corner of Section 29, Township 147, North of Range 48, W., thence East 16 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence West 16 rods; then North 10 rods to the place of beginning.	\$3,994.36

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Steven N Handerson 20 Dakota Ave Winger MN 56592	94.00080.00 Lots 19 & 20, Block 6, Original Townsite of Winger City.	\$2,619.44

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Be prepared for wildfires this dry spring

A wildfire in Waseca County raced through nearly 2,000 acres during the first weekend of March, forcing several residents to evacuate.

This fire, which hurt three people, was just one of more than 70 across the state so far this year. We have seen a rise in wildfire activity pick up in open grasses and marshland throughout Minnesota since mid-February.

With Minnesota's wildfires getting an early start on the season, which is predicted to be unusually active, public safety teams are increasing their preparedness levels to match the need. The real-time response is only part of the planning. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) and our partners' proactive work is also paying off.

We coordinate with our partners on an annual basis on things like the statewide fire mutual aid plan, and we have weekly planning calls as Minnesota sees more red flag warning days, which indicate a high fire danger.

"The resources are ready, and we're sharing that information with our partners now," said Jacob Beauregard, mutual aid and logistics coordinator with DPS's Homeland Security and Emergency Management division. "Yeah, it came earlier, but we're still ready to respond."

The 2024 Minnesota wildfire season started about six weeks earlier than usual, according to the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center. Traditionally, late March to early April is when we start to see a steady rise in spring wildfire activity following the receding snowpack from Southern Minnesota northward.

Due to the exceptionally warm winter with little to no snowpack this year, most of Minnesota is already snow-free.

The dry winter isn't the only thing feeding the flames.

According to the National Weather Service, the ongoing drought and warmer-than-usual temperatures are also creating heightened hazards.

Nearly all of Minnesota is abnormally dry and more than 50 percent of the state is experiencing at least moderate drought conditions. The long-range forecast suggestions that our temperatures will be well above normal for much of March and possibly into April. Meanwhile, we likely won't see much precipitation.

While weather patterns are out of our hands, public safety

experts say there are things everyone can do to stay safe this wildfire season — regardless of how long it lasts.

"Pay attention to the forecast and the fire conditions as we progress through the spring and have a plan," said Beauregard.

Today's smartphones and mobile devices can do more than just communicate, they can help you prepare for, respond or recover from emergencies and disasters.

Dozens of apps are available from authoritative sources such as FEMA or the Red Cross

LEGAL NOTICE

County Highway Project
BIDS CLOSE: April 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM CDT

Polk County, Minnesota

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS- NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED ELECTRONIC BIDS will be received at until 10:00 AM on Friday, April 26, 2024, by Sam Melbye, Polk County Director of Property Records at Crookston, MN, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County for the construction of the County Project listed below. Sealed electronic bids will be OPENED and READ publicly at 10:00 AM, at the Polk County Highway Department in Crookston, MN. Bids received after 10:00 AM will not be considered. Bids must be submitted electronically through BidVAULT.

STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP 060-599-294 & SAP 060-599-295

LOCATION: On Hammond Township Road 270th Avenue SW (9.0 miles East of Climax, MN)

On Hammond Township Road 280th Avenue SW (8.0 miles East of Climax, MN)

TYPE OF WORK: Precast Concrete Box Culvert & End Section Major Items: 10X5 PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERT 86 LF

To obtain plans and proposal and to submit an electronic bid (including electronic bid form) go to the Polk County egram website: https://egram.co.polk.mn.us

All bidders will be required to submit an electronic bid and provide payment of \$100.00 to the Polk County Highway Department.

Proposals, plans, and specifications are also available at: Polk County Highway Department, 820 Old Highway 75 South , Crookston, MN 56716.

Cost - \$100.00 (non-refundable incl. tax)

Electronic bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond in favor of the Treasurer of Polk County for at least 5% of the total amount bid.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or technicalities therein.

Richard C. Sanders
Polk County
County Engineer
M2-4C

— and depending on your type of phone and service, many are free.

Some of these tools can warn you of imminent weather dangers, help you build an emergency kit, locate an emergency shelter or even make your phone work as a beacon or flashlight.

Just perform a search through the app store on your phone for words like “weather” or “preparedness” or “emergencies” and download an app you like.

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STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP 060-599-297 & SAP 060-599-298

LOCATION: On Brandsvold Township Road 360th Avenue SE (5.0 miles North of Fosston, MN)

On Russia Township Road 190th Avenue SW (6.0 miles NE of Beltrami, MN)

TYPE OF WORK: Precast Concrete Box Culvert & End Section Major Items: 10X4 PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERT 42 LF

12X5 PRECAST CONCRETE BOX CULVERT 40 LF

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Get schooled on vocational training

High school graduates or individuals looking to explore continuing education at any age have various options. Among the most popular options is enrolling in a college or university. Studying a trade in a vocational school is another popular option.

What are vocational schools?

Vocational schools are sometimes referred to as career or trade schools. Vocational schools tend to offer certificate programs that are much shorter in duration than traditional college degree programs, and train students for skilled jobs. Vocational programs prepare individuals for careers in electrical work, hairstyling and cosmetology, certified nursing aids, automotive work, and HVAC services, among others.

Cost of attendance

Cost of education is an important factor when choosing a career, and the cost of vocational school is no exception. The College Board says trade school costs between \$5,000 and \$15,000 on average for a three- to 18-month program. By comparison, the national average for a two-year degree program at public and private

colleges can range from \$3,621 to \$15,333 per year. The cost to attend a four-year college is considerably higher, though it varies widely by institution.

NerdWallet reports that, as of 2021, total student loan debt in the United States exceeded \$1.61 trillion. Vocational school can be a much more affordable option than attending college, without the specter of large amounts of debt looming once the training is over.

An obvious job path

Many higher education concentrations are confronting low enrollment, while vocational programs are doing quite well, according to The Hechinger Report, which covers innovation and equality in education. The reason may be that vocational training presents a clear career path, and a more secure way to a solid job. Mechanic and repair trade programs had an enrollment increase of 11.5 percent from spring 2021 to 2022, indicates the National Student Clearinghouse.

"America is lending money it doesn't have to kids who can't pay it back to train them for jobs that no longer exist," says Mike Rowe, television

personality and founder of the Mike Rowe Works Foundation, which offers scholarship money to those who are pursuing the trades. Rowe feels that America has convinced people that the best path for most people is an expensive education.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates there are more than seven million jobs available across the U.S. that do not require a four-year degree.

Advantages to vocational schools

Trade school students can look forward to some benefits.

- hands-on learning
- more rigid schedule
- efficient time usage
- faster class pace
- small class sizes
- ability for licensure, where needed
- lower costs of attendance compared to other types of schooling
- instructors who are experts in their fields

Vocational schools are an option for students right out of high school or those returning to school later in life. Such schools provide access to millions of rewarding and lucrative jobs that can offer financial security.



The Spear Fishing package winner was Preston Wenge at the Win-E-Mac Fieldhouse Fun Night held on Saturday, March 23rd at the Erskine Community Center.

How to help students master college entrance exams

The college admissions process is multifaceted and stretches out over a year or more. High school students who plan to continue their education at four-year schools typically go through the admissions process at various schools before deciding where the next step on their academic journeys will take them.

Testing is part of the college admissions process. Parents and guardians who want to give young people the best chance of being admitted to their preferred school can help students prepare accordingly. In the United States, performance on the SAT and/or the ACT has traditionally been a key consideration for college admissions departments. The college information resource CollegeVine says standardized test scores are not required in the admissions process for public Canadian universities, although some private ones will accept SAT scores. According to the Princeton Review, the SAT is created and administered by the College Board. The test consists of Math and Evidence-based Reading and Writing. Each section is scored on a 200-to-800-point scale, (a score of 1600 indicates mastery of the exam). The ACT is a similar test that also helps measure college readiness. The ACT consists of four sections: English, Reading, Math, and Science. There's also an optional 40-minute Writing Test that some colleges may require.



The maximum composite score for the ACT is 36.

Most schools do not favor one test over the other, so it's possible students will take just one exam. However, college-bound students are increasingly taking both the SAT and ACT and only submitting the higher score to schools. This is important for families and students to recognize. Generally, students can study concurrently for both tests, and the following are some additional strategies to prepare for college admissions testing.

· **Enroll in a test prep course.** Students may benefit from taking test prep courses either in sophomore year of

high school or early in their junior year. These courses familiarize students with the testing format and enable them to take practice exams. They also offer tips for getting through the test within the allotted time. Knowing "how" to take the test is often just as important as knowing the material on the test.

· **Focus on vocabulary.** Families can work together to expand students' vocabularies. Everyone can learn new words and use them on a daily basis.

· **Prioritize rest and a healthy lifestyle.** This can be a stressful time in students' lives. Parents and other caregivers can recognize this and reinforce healthy living habits that will help teens get the rest they need to stay both physically and mentally well. Try not to put extra pressure on students during this critical time. Avoid emphasizing a need to get the best test scores possible, which can lead to additional stress, burnout and resentment.

· **Realize many schools are test-optional.** Students who simply are not excellent test-takers may take comfort in knowing that a growing number of schools have become test-optional. Families can determine if students want to be "one-and-done" on standardized testing, or take the test a few times to improve their scores.

Families can work together to make preparing for standardized testing more successful.



Toby Strom was the winner of the Peak Prime 2.0 grand prize during the Football Fieldhouse Fun Night held recently at the Erskine Community Center.



On Thursday, March 28th, the University of North Dakota Fighting Hawk's Volleyball team came to Win-E-Mac as part of their Green and White tour. There was an question and answer session along with a Green and White scrimmage with the Win-E-Mac volleyball players.